

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An image data distribution system wherein an image server has information on destination groups formed of members selected from among a plurality of ~~image communication apparatuses~~ digital multifunction apparatus, and the information are memorized on a storage memory, and wherein the image data will be sent out to the respective members of the destination group specified by the destination information, said system comprising:

input manipulation means, provided in each ~~image communication~~ digital multifunction apparatus, which can request the image server to send back all the destination groups, and specify a specific group from among all the destination groups sent back from the image server, and send to the image server at least the specified group together with a group registration request to register the ~~image communication~~ digital multifunction apparatus with the specified group after specifying the group, and

distribution managing means, provided on the side of the image server, which sends to the ~~image communication~~ digital multifunction apparatus all the destination groups according to the request sent from the ~~image communication~~ digital multifunction apparatus to send all the destination groups, and after a destination group is specified by the ~~image communication~~ digital multifunction apparatus, registers the ~~image communication~~ digital multifunction apparatus with the specified destination group.

*Cancelled*

2. (Currently Amended) The image data distribution system as defined in claim 1, wherein said ~~image communication apparatus is a~~ digital multifunction apparatus includes a facsimile apparatus.

3. (Currently Amended) The image data distribution system as defined in claim 2 1, wherein said digital multifunction apparatus is provided with image input means for reading a document and sends image data from said image input means to the image server.

4. (Currently Amended) The image data distribution system as defined in claim 2 1, wherein said digital multifunction apparatus is provided with storage means for storing image data and sends image data from said storage means to the image server.

5. (Currently Amended) The image data distribution system as defined in claim 2 1, wherein said ~~digital multifunction apparatus is provided with~~ facsimile apparatus includes transmit-receive means and sends image data from said ~~facsimile~~ transmit-receive means to the image server.

6. (Currently Amended) The image data distribution system as defined in claim 2 1, wherein said digital multifunction apparatus is provided with image output means and prints image data from the image server by said image output means.

Claims 7-10 (Cancelled)

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11. (Currently Amended) The image data ~~distribution~~ system as defined in ~~claim~~ 7 claim 2, wherein said facsimile apparatus is included in a personal computer and said

personal computer prints out image data from the image server by a printing apparatus connected to said personal computer directly or via ~~the~~ a network.

12. (Currently Amended) An image data distribution method wherein an image server has information on destination groups formed of members selected from among a plurality of ~~image communication apparatuses~~ digital multifunction apparatus, and the information are memorized on a storage memory, and wherein the image data will be sent out to the respective members of the destination group specified by the destination information, said method comprising:

requesting from ~~an image communication~~ a digital multifunction apparatus for the image server to send back all the destination groups,

sending all the destination groups from said image server to said ~~image communication~~ digital multifunction apparatus in response to the request from the ~~image communication~~ digital multifunction apparatus for sending all the destination groups,

sending from an input manipulation means provided in the ~~image communication~~ digital multifunction apparatus a request for registration of the ~~image communication~~ digital multifunction apparatus with a destination group, and at least a specified destination group specified by the ~~image communication~~ digital multifunction apparatus, and

registering said ~~image communication~~ digital multifunction apparatus with the specified destination group according to the group registration request and the specified destination group sent from said ~~image communication~~ digital multifunction apparatus.